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REFERENCE TO: MISSION 1111

PROBABLE FLOGGER AIRCRAFT AT
LIPETSK AIRFIELD WEST, USSR

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

FIRST OBSERVATION OF PROBABLE FLOGGER
AT LIPETSK AIRFIELD WEST, AN ADVANCED
TACTICAL PILOT TRAINING BASE.

2. LOCATION:

LIPETSK AIRFIELD WEST IS APPROXIMATELY
195 NM SE OF MOSCOW AND 5NM WNW OF LIPETSK
AT 523803N 0392802E.

3. REMARKS:

LIPETSK AIRFIELD WEST IS AN ADVANCED
PILOT TRAINING BASE FOR THE SOVIET TACTICAL
AIR FORCE. NEW FIGHTER AIRCRAFT USUALLY
APPEAR AT THIS AIRFIELD OR AT MUROM AIR-
FIELD, WHICH IS THE ADVANCED PILOT TRAINING
BASE FOR THE IA-PVO, PRIOR TO INITIAL DE-
PLOYMENT AT OPERATIONAL FIELDS.
THE FLOGGER AIRCRAFT WAS FIRST OBSERVED IN
THE 1967 MOSCOW-DOMODEDOVO AIR SHOW AND
FIRST IDENTIFIED ON KEYHOLE PHOTOGRAPHY

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3. REMARKS: (cont)

AT AKHTUBINSK FLIGHT TEST CENTER IN

TWO FLOGGER WERE SUBSEQUENTLY IDENTIFIED

AT THIS AIRFIELD ON

FIVE WERE NEWLY IDENTI-

FIED AT RAMESKOYE FLIGHT TEST CENTER

ON AND SEEN AGAIN IN

IN ADDITION, SIX FLOGGER

(INCLUDING ONE POSSIBLE FLOGGER) WERE

OBSERVED AT LUKHOVITSY

AIRFIELD, A TEST AND FLYAWAY FIELD FOR

AIRCRAFT PRODUCED AT MOSCOW AIRFRAME

PLANT 30. ON THE CURRENT MISSION, FIVE

PROBABLE FLOGGER WERE OBSERVED AT LIPETSK

AIRFIELD WEST

ALSO OBSERVED AT LIPETSK AIRFIELD WEST ON

WERE THREE FOXBAT (LONG-RANGE INTER-

CEPTOR AND STRIKE AIRCRAFT), AN INCREASE

OF TWO SINCE THE FIRST SIGHTINGS OF FOXBAT

AT THIS FIELD

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4. COLLATERAL:

THE FLOGGER AIRCRAFT IS A SINGLE-SEAT, SINGLE-ENGINE, SWING-WING FIGHTER DESIGNED BY THE MIKOYAN DESIGN BUREAU (OKB). ITS ESTIMATED ROLE IS THAT OF A MULTIPURPOSE FIGHTER WHICH COULD BE EMPLOYED ON CLOSE GROUND SUPPORT AND TACTICAL (AIR SUPERIORITY) MISSIONS. NO FIRM EVIDENCE OF ARMAMENT IS YET AVAILABLE. SHOULD THE FLOGGER BE CARRIED THROUGH ITS DEVELOPMENT CYCLE, ITS ESTIMATED MULTIPURPOSE ROLE REQUIRES A VARIED ARMAMENT CAPABILITY. A NEW AIR-TO-AIR MISSILE IS EXPECTED TO BE DEVELOPED TO MEET THE TACTICAL FIGHTER-TO-FIGHTER SITUATION THAT THE FLOGGER WOULD ENCOUNTER.

5. SPECIFICATIONS FOR FLOGGER:

WING-SPAN:

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14.0 METERS (46.0 FT) FULLY EXTENDED

FUSELAGE:

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ESTIMATED MAXIMUM SPEED: MACH 2.5

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5. SPECIFICATIONS FOR FLOGGER: (cont)

ARMAMENT--INTERCEPTOR: FOUR AIR-TO-AIR
MISSILES (TYPE UNKNOWN)

STRIKE ROLE: TWO AIR-TO-SURFACE MISSILES
(TYPE UNKNOWN) AND/OR FOUR ONE-THOUSAND-
POUND BOMBS.

6. MISSION READOUT:

THIS IS THE FIRST OBSERVATION OF PROBABLE

FLOGGER AT THIS FIELD. THERE IS AN INCREASE OF TWO FOXBAT SINCE

THE LAST PREVIOUS MISSION) WHEN A FOXBAT WAS OBSERVED

HERE FOR THE FIRST TIME. THE ORDER OF BATTLE PRESENT CONSTITUTES THE
LARGEST NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT EVER OBSERVED AT THIS FIELD.

AOB: 6 BEAGLE (1 POSS), 3 FOXBAT, 5 PROB FLOGGER, 46 FISHBED (4 PROB)
33 FIREBAR, 28 FITTER (2 PROB), 12 FAGOT/FRESCO, 1 CRATE, 2 CLOD, 1 SMALL
STRAIGHT WING, 2 HARE.

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52-38N 39-28E

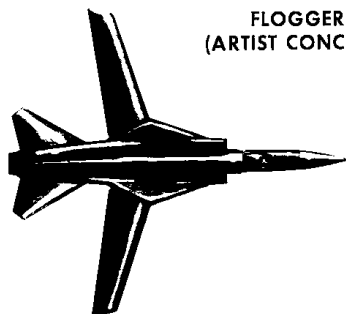
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FLOGGER
(ARTIST CONCEPT)



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